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Aid to Families with Dependent Children

The intent of the AFDC Program is to preserve and strengthen family life by providing financial aid, medical care, and social services. The program serves families with children deprived of support because of the continued absence, incapacity, unemployment or death of one or both parents.

Families applying for AFDC must have one or more children living with them who are under age 18, or under age 21 if regularly attending high school or college or in vocational training.

The amount of the basic assistance grant is determined by a standard that varies with family size, geographic area, and family income.

Medical Assistance

The Medical Assistance (Medicaid) Program provides comprehensive medical care to AFDC recipients and to aged, blind or disabled persons who are receiving state supplements to federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments. The program also provides these medical benefits to persons who qualify for aid to the aged, blind, and disabled or AFDC except that their income is sufficient by Department standards to meet their basic needs.

The Department provides early health screening to children of public aid families through the Medichek Program. Children through age 20 are provided complete medical exams, immunizations, lab tests, dental care, hearing and vision screening.

State Supplemental Payments to the Aged, Blind or Disabled

The Department provides a State Supplemental Payment (SSP) to the federal SSI Program. This supplement is for all individuals who are blind, severely disabled, or over 65 and have insufficient income and assets to meet their needs according to Department standards.

Persons who have applied for the federal SSI Program may be eligible for SSP (Interim Assistance) while eligibility for the federal program is being determined.

General Assistance - - Aid to the Medically Indigent

People who are in need of financial or medical assistance according to Department standards but who do not qualify for any of the Department's other programs can receive financial and medical assistance through GA and AMI. The GA Program is generally administered by the townships which may choose to receive state financial assistance; AMI is administered by the Department. In Chicago, the Department administers the GA program directly.

Food Stamps

The Food Stamp Program is designed to provide a supplement to the budgets of low income households. This supplement, when combined with the household's other income, allows the household to purchase a nutritionally adequate diet. Under the income and asset standards set by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, recipients of assistance and many non-recipients qualify for benefits under the program.

Social Services

Social Services, such as day care, rehabilitation, and information and referral services are provided by many of Illinois' governmental agencies. The Department of Public Aid is responsible for the planning and administration of many of these services. The majority of the services are available to recipients and other low income people who need them.

Support Enforcement

The Department operates programs to locate parents delinquent in making payments for support of their children. Parent locator services are operated primarily for public aid families, but are available to other families for a fee.

Refugee/Repatriate Programs

The Department administers federal programs providing assistance to Indo-Chinese and Cuban refugees and United States citizens who have been returned by foreign governments. Eligibility standards, amount of assistance available and other specifics for the Refugee and Repatriate Programs are established by the federal government.

Disaster Relief

In the event of a Presidentially-declared disaster, the Department is responsible for administering the Individual and Family Grant Program. The Department responds to the needs of disaster victims by providing financial aid and other necessary assistance.

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